

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects the invention of Group I, Claims 1-7, directed to a system for treating an aneurysm in a blood vessel, without traverse.

In addition, by way of the foregoing amendments, Applicant has canceled original Claim 6, and added new dependent Claims 23-27, directed to the elected invention. Early and favorable action are earnestly solicited.

Since this response is being filed within the shortened statutory period set by the Examiner, it is believed that no fee is required. However, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that a fee is necessary, please charge our Deposit Account 02-4800.

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